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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed for consideration by the Examiner during examination of the above identified application are copies of the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The exceptions are: 1) German document No. 2,305,815 dated 2/1973; 2) Russian document No. 1225547 dated 4/1986; 3) Mascio document entitled "Therapy of Urinary Stress Incontinence in Women Using Mitek GII Anchors"; 4) McGuire document entitled "The Sling Procedure for Urinary Stress Incontinence"; 5) McKiel document entitled "Marshall-Marchette Procedure Modification" dated Nov. 1966; and 6) Winter document entitled "Peripubic Urethropexy for Urinary Stress Incontinence in Women" dated October 1982. Applicant searched its files but could not find a copy of these documents. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the file wrapper for patent number 6,334,446 for a copy of these documents.

Applicants assert that nothing herein is intended to be construed as an admission as to whether a document constitutes prior art against the present application. Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131, 1.132 or otherwise, to establish that the document(s) are not "prior art". Applicants have provided these documents to comply with their duty under 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

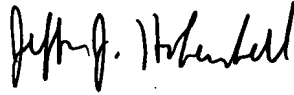
Copies of the following documents are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98 (a) (2) (iii) and MPEP 609 (D). Applicants respectfully request consideration of these documents in this application.

1. The Preliminary Amendment filed on December 27, 2001, for Mordechay Beyar, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/034,960, entitled, "Medical Sling Procedures and Anchor Insertion Methods and Devices", filed December 27, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. AMS-034).
2. The Preliminary Amendment filed on December 27, 2001, for Mordechay Beyar, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/034,958, entitled, "Medical Sling Procedures and Anchor Insertion Methods and Devices", filed December 27, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. AMS-038).
3. The Preliminary Amendment filed on December 27, 2001, for Beyar et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 09/412,957, entitled, "Bone Anchor Inserter with Retractable Shield", filed November 14, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 687-453).

This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months from the filing date. Thus, no fee is believed due for this submission. If this is in error, please charge the fee for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 501921.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures